

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 28 and 39 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 29, 38, 40 and 48 amended to more particularly define the invention and clearly distinguish over the prior art of records. Claims 1-27 have been previously cancelled. Claims 49-57 are new. Accordingly, claims 29-38 and 40-57 are pending in the application, of which claims 29, 38, 40, 48 and 49 are independent.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification. In view of the above Amendments and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Rejection of Claims under Double Patenting

Claims 28-46 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U. S. Patent No. 6,626,550 issued to Choi (“Choi”). Also, claims 47 and 48 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 12 and 13 of Choi in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,512,557 issued to Miwa (“Miwa”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

To obviate the non-statutory double patenting rejections, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer enclosed in the Appendix attached after. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the double patenting rejection of claims 28-48.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 28 and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 5,596,429 issued to Kokawa, et al. ("Kokawa"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

In this response, claims 28 and 39 have been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claims 28 and 39.

Other Matters

In this response, claims 29, 38, 40 and 48 have been amended to present in independent form.

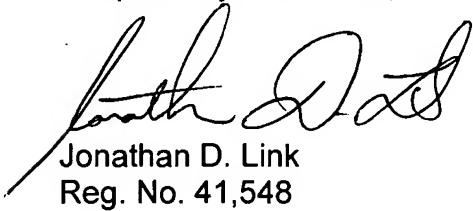
Conclusion

Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX: Terminal Disclaimer

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